

wherein said bristle when arranged in tufts of bristles said groove on said bristle comprising said tufts of bristles runs clockwise or counterclockwise on said longitudinal axis of said bristle.

REMARKS

The instant amendment corrects the errors cited by the LIE with respect to the notice of non-compliance of the amendment and places the application in form for examination. In particular, a complete listing of all claims, including the previously omitted claims 10 and 11, have been made a part of the instant filing.

With respect to the examination of the listed claims 1-11, Applicant has moved to withdraw these claims and replace them with new claims 12 through 18. These new claims are based upon the specification and drawings of record. Further the claims are derived from the claims 1 to 8 that were examined by the Examiner and referenced in the Office Action dated September 30, 2003. For the record, it should be noted that claims 1-5 and 8 were rejected on the grounds stated in the Office Action while claims 6 and 7 were allowed.

New claims 12-18 are intended as a response to the rejection of the claims in the Office Action of September 30, 2003. Because of the fact that the LIE's references with respect to the claims differs from the claims in the Office Action, the numbering is not identical to the prior claims, however, new claims 12 - 18 are drawn from and based upon the specification and drawings of the application.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the claims be examined and for filing and allowance of the application is hereby requested.

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